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SUBJECT: GOE SUPPORTS NUMAYRI

1. FOR FIRST TIME IN MANY WEEKS, LEBANON IS RELEGATED TO SECONDARY FEATURE IN JULY 3 CAIRO MEDIA. MORNING PAPERS BANNER "CRUSHING" OF COUP ATTEMPT IN KHARTOUM AND PRESIDENT SADAT'S "EXTREME CONCERN AND REGRET" ON RECEIPT NEWS THAT "ARMED ELEMENTS" HAD SOUGHT STAGE COUP.

2. PAPERS, DEPRIVED OF USUAL NEWS SOURCES IN KHARTOUM (TELEPHONES STILL OUT THIS MORNING, KHARTOUM AIRPORT CLOSED, AND ONLY MENA AND IRAQI NEWS AGENCY JOURNALISTS ARE FILING FROM KHARTOUM), CARRY VARIOUS UNSOURCED STORIES - EG, "OBSERVERS" IN KHARTOUM TALK OF "FOREIGN MERCENARIES" FIGHTING FOR PRO-COUP FORCES; EGYPTIAN MILITARY ARRESTED IN KHARTOUM THEN RELEASED BY GOVERNMENT FORCES WHEN LATTER REGAINED ARMY HQ.

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3. DEPPRIMIN/FOMIN FAHMY IS QUOTED IN ALL PAPERS

AS SAYING PRESIDENT SADAT CALLS ON BROTHERLY PEOPLE OF THE SUDAN TO RALLY ROUND THEIR LEADER, PRESIDENT NUMAYRI, AND TO DEFEND THEIR REVOLUTION AND THE PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH IT WAS STAGED. FAHMY ADDED THAT THOSE WHO STAGE SUCH AN IRRESPONSIBLE ACT SHOULD NOT HAVE DONE SO AT SUCH CRITICAL TIME WHEN SUDAN AND ARAB NATION MUST WORK FOR UNITY OF PURPOSE.

4. AHRAM LEAD EDITORIAL AVOIDS SPECULATION RE IDENTITY PRO-COUP FORCES, BUT DENOUNCES YESTERDAY'S EVENTS AS "CRIMINAL."

5. COMMENT: MOST STRIKING FEATURE OF PRESS TREATMENT SUDAN STORY IS FAHMY'S REMARK, QUOTED IN ALL PAPERS, THAT PRESIDENT SADAT WAS FOLLOWING SITUATION MINUTE BY MINUTE AND MAINTAINING CONSTANT CONTACT NOT ONLY WITH MFA BUT ALSO WITH "GENERAL COMMAND OF ARMED FORCES."

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